

**JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS**

**OF THE**

**FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY**

**County Board Room, County Building**

**Board Meeting of**

**Tuesday, January 9, 2018 11:00 A.M.**



**TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT**

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LARRY SUFFREDIN  
JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI

**MATTHEW B. DeLEON  
SECRETARY TO THE BOARD**

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**OFFICIAL RECORD**

President Preckwinkle in the Chair.

**CALL TO ORDER**

At 11:00 A.M., being the hour appointed for the meeting, the President called the Board to order.

**QUORUM**

Secretary to the Board, Matthew B. DeLeon called the roll of members and there was found to be a quorum present.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Deer, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin, and Tobolski (15)

**Absent:** Commissioners Butler and Goslin (2)

**Also Present:** President Preckwinkle

**INVOCATION**

C. E. Watkins, Pastor of St. John Community Church in Robbins, Illinois, gave the invocation.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

President Preckwinkle asked the Secretary of the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code.

1. George Blakemore

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**18-0001**

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), LUIS ARROYO JR., RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, EDWARD M. MOODY, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING COMMISSIONER DEBORAH SIMS SERVICE TO NEIGHBORSPACE**

**WHEREAS**, NeighborSpace was founded in 1996 through a unique collaborative partnership between the private sector and the Forest Preserves of Cook County, the City of Chicago, and the Chicago Park District to bring the benefits of open space to more Cook County residents; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Deborah Sims served on the NeighborSpace Board of Directors beginning in March 1997 thereby making her the organization's longest serving board member; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Sims began serving as the Vice President of the NeighborSpace Board of Directors in May 1997; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Sims has championed the NeighborSpace land trust as an innovative and effective way for the Forest Preserves of Cook County to support Chicago residents through open space projects that are small and fragmented; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Sims helped to keep the organization on mission to preserve and support community based open space projects in underserved areas; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Sims worked with NeighborSpace staff and Board of Directors to broaden the organization's scope to include emerging models of community open space projects including nature play gardens which provide the experience of playing in nature in neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, under Commissioner Sims leadership, the NeighborSpace organization expanded to include 114 community-managed gardens; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Sims leadership allowed NeighborSpace to focus on its dual commitment to open space preservation and community-based leadership; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby thank Commissioner Sims for her service to community open space.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners requests ceremonial copies of this resolution be presented to Commissioner Deborah Sims.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Deer, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to approve 18-0001. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Deer, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin, and Tobolski (15)

**Absent:** Commissioners Butler and Goslin (2)

**18-0120**

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), LUIS ARROYO JR., RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, EDWARD M. MOODY, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT ARNOLD RANDALL FOR RECEIVING THE EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD FROM THE MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS FOUNDATION AND CIVIC FEDERATION**

**WHEREAS**, in 1990, Motorola recognized the need to identify and promote the exemplary work of public servants throughout the State of Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, now in its 26th year and sponsored by the Motorola Solutions Foundation in partnership with The Civic Federation, a non-partisan government research organization working to maximize the quality and cost-effectiveness of government services in the Chicago region and State of Illinois, the Excellence in Public Service Award annually recognizes a non-elected government official who has had an extraordinary impact on the quality of state and local government services in Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, the Award seeks to honor individuals who show dedication to a vision of quality management, leadership and innovation that leads to lasting achievements and more effective government in Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, General Superintendent Arnold Randall was presented the Excellence in Public Service Award on Thursday, December 7, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, Arnold Randall has served as General Superintendent of the Forest Preserves of Cook County since his appointment by President Toni Preckwinkle in December 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Randall has increased the profile of the Forest Preserves, led the development and execution of a strategic roadmap for the future including a multi-year initiative to bring new and diverse audiences to the Forest Preserves of Cook County, expanded camping, trails and hiking; and

**WHEREAS**, under his leadership the Forest Preserves has also intensified habitat restoration and expanded the organization's role in scientific and academic communities through revitalized partnerships with the Chicago Horticulture Society, Chicago Zoological Society, and others; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Randall began his career at the Chicago Urban League, followed by numerous civic positions with the City of Chicago and professional organizations, and many roles with the Chicago Park District including Area Manager, Trainer/Facilitator, Park Supervisor and Region Manager; and

**WHEREAS**, as Commissioner for the City of Chicago's Department of Planning and Development, Mr. Randall oversaw a capital improvement plan and played a pivotal role in bringing in new retail development to the South Side of Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Randall was also the Director of Neighborhood Legacy for Chicago's bid for the 2016 Olympics and later served as Director of Civic Engagement at the University of Chicago; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize and congratulate General Superintendent Arnold Randall for being honored as the 2017 recipient of the Excellence in Public Service Award; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners requests ceremonial copies of this resolution be presented to General Superintendent Arnold Randall.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Deer, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to approve 18-0120. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Deer, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin, and Tobolski (15)

**Absent:** Commissioners Butler and Goslin (2)

**PRESIDENT**

**17-0395**

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), LUIS ARROYO JR., RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, EDWARD M. MOODY, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

**TITLE 1 - ADMINISTRATIVE, CHAPTER 18 - CONSERVATION AND POLICY COUNCIL**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Title 1 - Administrative, Chapter 18 - Conservation and Policy Council, of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code is hereby amended as Follows:

**1-18-1: - GENERAL PROVISIONS.**

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B. *Definitions.* For purposes of this chapter, the following words or terms shall have the meaning or construction ascribed to them in this Section:

1. Council means the eleven-member Conservation and Policy Council charged with providing public recommendations to the President, Board of Commissioners, and Superintendent on all matters relating to the conservation policies of the District and the Next Century Conservation Plan.
2. Chairperson means the chairperson of the Conservation and Policy Council.
3. District means the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois.
4. District Board means the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois.
5. Member means a Member of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Conservation and

Policy Council.

6. Ordinance means the Ordinance Establishing the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Conservation and Policy Council ~~Ordinance~~, as amended.

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*C. Purpose.* The purpose of the Conservation and Policy Council is to safeguard, expand and bring additional resources to the District by providing public recommendations to the President, District Board, and the Superintendent regarding conservation and other related areas, based on the Council's knowledge, skill, leadership and expertise in the field of conservation and other related areas, to the President, District Board, and the Superintendent of the District. The Council shall review and evaluate the implementation of the Plan.

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**1-18-2: - MEMBERS OF THE CONSERVATION COUNCIL.**

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*C. Appointment of Members.*

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7. Prior to their confirmation ~~hearing~~, each candidate for appointment by the President or Board of Commissioners shall submit a notarized, signed affidavit to the Chairman of the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee of the District Board, that:
  - a. Is signed by the candidate;
  - b. Is sworn under oath, under penalties of perjury;
  - c. Is notarized;
  - d. Attests that the candidate fulfills the requirements set forth under the requisite statute, ordinance, law or regulation that creates the appointment;
  - e. Attests that the candidate possesses the adequate qualifications and skills.
8. If there is any change in the information contained in the affidavit after the candidate is appointed, the candidate will notify the President and the District Board in writing within seven (7) business days of the change.

*D. Terms of Members.*

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2. *The remaining Members.* The Chairperson and the other remaining nine (9) Members of the Council shall serve terms as follows:
  - a. For the Initial Members:

- (i) Three (3) of the Members initially appointed by the President, with the advice and consent of the District Board, other than the ex officio Member, shall serve a term that expires on December 31, 2015.
- (ii) Three (3) of the Members initially appointed by the President, with the advice and consent of the District Board, other ~~her~~ than the ex officio Member, shall serve a term that expires on December 31, 2016.

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G. *Officers.* The Council shall contain three (3) Members that serve as Officers: (1) Chairperson, (2) Vice-Chairperson and (3) Secretary. The Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary are elected by the Council. Each of the three (3) officers, respectively, shall be entitled to vote on all matters before the Council and may be appointed to serve successive terms as officers. The Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary shall each serve for a one-three-year terms or until his or her term expires or is otherwise terminated, whichever event occurs earlier.

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I. *[Standing or Ad Hoc Subcommittees.]* The Council may create Standing or Ad hoc Subcommittees. The Chairperson may appoint non-voting members to those subcommittees. The District shall assign appropriate staff to the Council so that the Council may further ~~and~~ carry out its purposes and activities.

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#### **1-18-3: - QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS.**

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B. No individual shall be considered for nomination or appointment to serve as a Member if such individual is one or more of the following:

1. An elected official (excluding the Ex Officio Member) or a paid staff member of an elected official;
2. An employee of the District (excluding the Ex Officio Member) or any other government entity for which there could be a perceived conflict of interests between the interests of the governmental employer and the interests of the Council;
3. An employee of the Chicago Zoological Society (Brookfield Zoo), Chicago Botanic Garden, or Forest Preserve Foundation;
4. An employee of a conservation advocacy organization; or

5. An individual who owns five percent (5%) or more of, or an individual who is employed by, a business entity that is a party to a contract with the District; or any individual with perceived conflict of interest.

**1-18-34: - Meetings of The Conservation Council.**

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G. The Council shall keep records of its meetings ~~and activities~~ that shall be posted on its or the District's website.

**1-18-5: - Annual Report of The Conservation Council.**

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B. Included in the report shall be:

1. Any recommendations for additional legislation or other action which may be necessary to carry out the mission, purpose and intent of the District with respect to conservation and other related issues; and
2. A report on the progress of the District towards meeting the specific goals set forth in the Plan.

C. ~~The Council shall submit the minutes of its meeting to the District Board within thirty (30) days of each meeting. The minutes shall be received and filed by the District Board.~~

**Effective date:** This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon adoption.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to approve as amended 17-0395. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Deer, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin, and Tobolski (15)

**Absent:** Commissioners Butler and Goslin (2)

**18-0004**

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

**FOREST PRESERVE FEE SCHEDULE**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter Title 7 - Fees, Chapter 1 - Fee Schedule of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as Follows:

**7-1-1: FEE SCHEDULE**

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**OTHER:**

Approved Vendor List Fee: \$150.00

**Effective date:** This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon adoption

**A motion was made by Commissioner Deer, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to refer 18-0004 to the Finance Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Deer, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin, and Tobolski (15)

**Absent:** Commissioners Butler and Goslin (2)

**18-0002**

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED APPOINTMENT**

**Appointee(s):** Emily Harris

**Position:** New Conservation and Policy Council Member. The Conservation and Policy Council advises the President, Board of Commissioners and General Superintendent on specific steps to implement the Next Century Conservation Plan's vision of a vibrant, ecologically healthy and welcoming forest preserves system. Emily Harris offers expertise in accessibility, public policy, and economic development.

**Department/Board/Commission:** Conservation and Policy Council

**Effective date:** Immediately

**Expiration date:** December 31, 2020

**A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to approve 18-0002. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Deer, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin, and Tobolski (15)

**Absent:** Commissioners Butler and Goslin (2)

**18-0102**

**Presented by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED APPOINTMENT**

**Appointee(s):** Commissioner Dennis Deer

**Position:** Member of the Board of Directors

**Department/Board/Commission:** NeighborSpace Board of Directors

**Effective date:** Immediate

**Expiration date:** June 2019

**A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to approve 18-0102. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Deer, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin, and Tobolski (15)

**Absent:** Commissioners Butler and Goslin (2)

**OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT**

**17-0455**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CONTRACT**

**Department(s):** Office of the General Superintendent

**Vendor:** Samaritan Technologies, Salt Lake City, Utah

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (“the Preserves”) to enter into and execute

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Online Volunteer Management Software

**Contract Value:** \$60,000.00

**Contract period:** 3/27/2018-3/26/2021 renewal options will be considered

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2018 \$15,000.00, FY 2019 \$15,000.00, FY 2020 \$15,000.00, FY 2021 \$15,000.00

**Accounts:** Contractual and Professional Services: 501790.51001, 520830.51001

**Contract Number(s):** RFP 17-10-401

**Concurrences:**

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** The Preserves Volunteer Resources is the central coordinating point for volunteer engagement. Over 5,600 individual and group online profiles have been created and over one hundred different opportunities are available to volunteers. This software tool, eCoordinator/eRecruiter, will greatly enhance performance management and grant reporting. eCoordinator/eRecruiter is an appropriate software tool for efficient management of a volunteer program the size and scope of that of the Preserves’ program.

The Preserves issued a Request for Proposal and received a total of four (4) proposals. A review panel

consisting of various Preserves staff selected Samaritan Technologies eCoordinator/eRecruiter, which met all of the minimum and preferred qualifications. None of the vendors who submitted proposals are located in Illinois.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Deer, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to approve 17-0455. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Deer, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin, and Tobolski (15)

**Absent:** Commissioners Butler and Goslin (2)

**17-0478**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CONTRACT**

**Department(s):** Resource Management

**Vendor:** Jeffery Heinsohn, Harvard, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (“the Preserves”) to enter into and execute

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Row crop farming

**Contract Value:** N/A

**Contract period:** 1/9/2018 - 12/31/2022

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** Revenue generation of up to \$71,412.00 (over 5 years)

**Accounts:** N/A

**Contract Number(s):** 17RM 139

**Concurrences:**

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

**District(s):** 15

**Summary:** The Preserves is bidding out a contract for row crop production at select sites which were historically used for agricultural purposes prior to acquisition by the Preserves, and as such, do not exist in an ecologically natural state. Farmers will have use of the property for seeding one or more of the following row crops: wheat, oats, soybeans, and/or corn. This practice allows the Preserves to generate revenue, while at the same time preventing invasive plant species from taking over fallow land. It is the Preserve's intention to restore fallow land wherever possible and these farming practices are a good method to keep these lands in a more manageable condition until a restoration project can take place on the site. The contract term for row crop farming is a period of one (1) year, with four (4) one-year renewal options to be exercised by the General Superintendent or his/her designee, which gives the Preserves the option to discontinue farming practices in order to restore these lands to a natural condition.

Jeffery Heinsohn was the highest responsible bidder for row crop site #3, Janura Preserve, for a total potential revenue generation over the next five (5) years of \$71,412.00. Jeffery Heinsohn was the sole bidder for this site.

Site	Acres	Revenue
Janura Preserve	162.3	\$71,412.00..

**A motion was made by Commissioner Deer, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to approve 17-0478. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Deer, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin, and Tobolski (15)

**Absent:** Commissioners Butler and Goslin (2)

**18-0111**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

#### **PROPOSED CONTRACT**

**Department(s):** Resource Management

**Vendor:** University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County ("the Preserves") to enter into and execute

**Good(s) or Service(s):** 1. Develop a comprehensive monitoring plan integrating established priorities and protocols to devise strategies for collecting needed data specific to restoration units on

appropriate timescales, managing and analyzing that data, and using the resulting information to help drive management decisions. 2. Develop a web-based tool for displaying restoration progress and communicating results to broader audiences. 3. Produce a document summarizing five (5) years of progress in work between the Preserves and the Prairie Research Institute and how this work contributes to the Next Century Conservation Plan. 4. Continue site surveys and cataloguing of cultural resources. 5. Complete archaeological collections databases, reports, and geodatabases. 6. Perform desk evaluations of additional habitat restoration projects on archaeological resources. 7. Consult on interpretive signage for Gateway Sites and installation of signs raising public awareness of cultural resources contained within the Forest Preserves. 8. Host an archaeological internship program for six (6) individuals with a focus on field and lab work training. 9. Manage event stations at four (4) public events. 10. Assist with the design of an archaeological display stationed at a Nature Center, including analysis and research of relevant artifacts, signage and display content, and installation. 11. Conduct tours of archaeological sites, as needed. 12. Develop content related to the Forest Preserves' cultural resources for advertisement on the Forest Preserve website and interactive map. 13. Develop pamphlets or other materials for self-guided archaeological tours.

**Contract Value:** Not to exceed \$300,000.00 for calendar year 2018

**Contract period:** 1/9/2018 - 12/31/2018

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** Not to exceed \$300,000.00 for calendar year 2018

**Accounts:** Habitat Enhancement 51009.521452, Natural and Cultural Resources Master Plan 51009.520825, Habitat Restoration 51009.521444, Grant Match and Work Fund 51009.521440, Mitigation accounts: 51010.29982 and 51010.22522 Capital Improvement Bonds Fund, 51025 - 2012, Capital Improvement Bonds Fund 51026 - 2015, Construction and Development Funds 51057 and 51058

**Contract Number(s):** FPD 2014-01101

**Concurrences:**

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** This Contract (Task Order) is for natural resource prioritization, research, policy analysis, and other related resource preservation activities. The estimated contract amount is not to exceed \$300,000.00.

On 10/1/2013, the Board of Commissioners authorized the Forest Preserves to enter into and execute an Intergovernmental Agreement from 10/1/2013 to 12/31/2018 with the Prairie Research Institute of the University of Illinois for the purpose of developing a Natural and Cultural Resources Management Plan, and to perform work pursuant to that plan on an annual basis. The Plan informs and prioritizes natural and

cultural resource restoration management. As agreed by the Board on 10/1/2013, funding of subsequent work with the Prairie Research Institute is to be approved on a year to year basis.

The Forest Preserves now desire to enter into a new Task Order to complete such work.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Deer, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to approve 18-0111. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Deer, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin, and Tobolski (15)

**Absent:** Commissioners Butler and Goslin (2)

**18-0112**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CONTRACT**

**Department(s):** Conservation & Experiential Programming

**Vendor:** AllTown Bus Service, Skokie, Illinois  
First Student, Naperville, Illinois  
R & D Bus Co., Inc. Chicago, Illinois  
A.M. Bus Company, Chicago, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County ("the Preserves") to enter into and execute and, at the Preserves' discretion, subsequently exercise option

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Bus Transportation Services

**Contract Value:** not to exceed \$75,000.00 annually per company

**Contract period:** 2/1/2018-1/31/2021; with two (2), one-year renewal options.

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2018 \$300,000, FY 2019 \$300,000, FY 2020 \$300,000

**Accounts:** Mighty Acorn 51001.521441, Next Generation Youth 51001.521442, Special Events 51001.520635, Next Generation Youth 51001.521443, Campground Program Supplies 51001.530262

**Contract Number(s):** RFP 18-35-101

**Concurrences:**

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** The Conservation and Experiential Programming Department and the Volunteer Resources unit provides transportation for school groups and community groups to come to the Forest Preserves for education, recreation and volunteer programs. In addition, programming needs often require shuttle bus transportation between program sites and parking areas. Four (4) bus companies are being awarded a contract because one (1) company cannot provide all of the services needed by the Preserves programming and volunteer teams, due to scheduling, program needs, type of bus, etc. The Forest Preserve put out an RFP for bus transportation services in November 2017 and received seven (7) proposals and these four (4) were chosen for their pricing and ability to provide required services.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Deer, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to approve 18-0112. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Deer, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin, and Tobolski (15)

**Absent:** Commissioners Butler and Goslin (2)

**18-0113**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CONTRACT**

**Department(s):** Resource Management

**Vendor:** Friends of the Forest Preserves, Chicago, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to enter into and execute

**Good(s) or Service(s):** North Branch Conservation Corps Program

**Contract Value:** Not to exceed \$150,000.00 per year, or \$300,000.00 over a two (2) year term

**Contract period:** 1/9/2018 - 12/31/2019

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2018 \$150,000.00, FY 2019 \$150,000.00

**Accounts:** Intern Programs 51009.521525, Habitat Enhancement 51009.521452, Habitat Restoration 51009.521444, Grant and Mitigation Accounts: 51010.29982 and 51010.22522, Construction and Development Fund 51058

**Contract Number(s):** N/A

**Concurrences:**

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

**District(s):** 9, 10, 12, 13, 14

**Summary:** Friends of the Forest Preserves has received a grant from The Bobolink Foundation and The Caerus Foundation to support a North Branch Conservation Corps program providing conservation and leadership skills training to young adults, ages 18-24, at stewardship sites located along the North Branch of the Chicago River. The program engages four (4) participants, one (1) crew manager, and one (1) assistant crew manager in hands-on ecological restoration activities including invasive species control, herbicide application, seed collection and dispersal, and prescribed fire. Participants will receive the training and technical expertise necessary to pursue a long-term career in ecological restoration and related fields.

The Conservation Corps co-facilitates innovative job training and employment programs that provide participants with paid, hands-on experiences in conservation that train the next generation to restore and be responsible stewards of the land.

Total project costs are \$500,000.00 over the two (2) year term, with \$100,000.00 in match by the Preserves leveraging \$200,000.00 in investment by The Bobolink Foundation, and \$200,000.00 in investment by The Caerus Foundation. The overall annual contract authority was increased in anticipation of additional funding opportunities. This program advances the goals of the Next Century Conservation Plan.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Deer, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to approve 18-0113. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Deer, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin, and Tobolski (15)

**Absent:** Commissioners Butler and Goslin (2)

**18-0109**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Planning and Development

**Vendor:** Amec Foster Wheeler formerly AMEC Environmental & Infrastructure, Inc., Chicago, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to extend and increase a previously executed contract

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Program Management/Owner's Representative Service for Capital Improvement Landscape/Civil Engineering Program

**Original Contract Period:** Three (3) years 12/5/2012 - 12/4/2015; Board approval 11/17/2015 (12/5/2015 - 12/4/2016); 11/15/2016 (12/5/2016 - 12/4/2017); Administrative Extension: Sixty (60) days (12/5/2017 - 2/2/2018)

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** One (1) year (2/3/2018 - 2/2/2019)

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$981,816.00

**Original Approval:** 12/5/2012, \$892,560.00

**Previous Increase(s):** 2/29/2017 Administrative increase \$89,256.00

**This Increase Requested:** \$68,539.20

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2018 \$68,539.20

**Accounts:** General Consulting Services Accounts 51009.6740, 51025.6740, 51026.6740, 51054.6740, 51055.6740, 51056.6740, 51057.6740, and 51058.6740

**Contract Number(s):** 12-80-61

**Concurrences:**

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

The Vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance Provisions.

**District(s):**

**Summary:** Additional time and funding is required to complete the site improvements and nature play project at Dan Ryan Woods. The initial phase of site improvements were completed in 2016. A second phase of remaining site improvements, including the nature play area, was on hold during the state Open Space Land Acquisition & Development (OSLAD) grant suspension. This second phase of site improvements was bid twice, and awarded by the Board on 12/12/2017. During the gap between the two

Dan Ryan Woods contracts, Amec was assigned management of other new time sensitive projects, including picnic shelter repairs and picnic grove access and drainage improvements, as well as continuing to resolve issues with a few projects that have suffered prolonged delays. With original PM/OR funds now exhausted, additional are needed to manage the second phase of work at Dan Ryan Woods. This new \$1.1 million construction contract includes unique outdoor recreation features that warrant additional oversight. The increase amount represents 6% of the contract value.

The Amec team has been involved in this project from its inception and has unique knowledge of the contract documents and prior phases of construction. Their continued involvement during the construction is critical to its success.

Accounts: Added General Consulting Services Accounts 51057.6740 and 51058.6740

**A motion was made by Commissioner Deer, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to approve 18-0109. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Deer, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin, and Tobolski (15)

**Absent:** Commissioners Butler and Goslin (2)

**18-0003**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED AGREEMENT**

**Vendor:** Recreational Equipment, Inc. (“REI”), Chicago, Illinois

**Request:** Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (“the Preserves”) to

enter into an agreement and, at the Preserves' discretion, subsequently exercise option

**Reason:** The Preserves issued a Request for Proposals to provide boat, canoe and kayak rentals along with minor retail sales at various Preserves waterways, including Saganashkee Slough. REI was the sole bidder.

This three (3) year agreement with two (2) optional two-year extensions will allow REI the ability to provide boat, canoe and kayak rentals along with minor retail sales through a fixed removable storage container at Saganashkee Slough. REI has agreed to pay the Preserves \$1,500.00 per year plus a percentage of sales indicated below. The Preserves expects to receive \$22,000.00 during the initial term of this agreement.

Percentage of sales:

Year 1: 5% Year 2: 7% Year 3: 7%

**Contract period:** Thirty-six (36) months from the issuance of the Purchase Order, with two (2) two-year extensions

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** \$22,000.00 (Revenue Generating, for over three (3) years)

**Account(s):** N/A (Revenue Generating)

**Concurrence(s):**

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

**District(s):** 17

**A motion was made by Commissioner Deer, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to approve 18-0003. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Deer, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin, and Tobolski (15)

**Absent:** Commissioners Butler and Goslin (2)

**18-0105**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

#### **PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT**

**Request:** Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County ("the Preserves") to enter into a Partnership Agreement with Friends of the Chicago River, Chicago, Illinois.

**Reason:** Friends of the Chicago River has received a grant in the amount of \$150,000.00 to support habitat improvement and repopulation efforts for at-risk populations of native turtles. The Preserves and Friends of the Chicago River will collaborate to restore approximately forty (40) acres of shoreline habitat by removing invasive brush and restoring the native vegetative structure at sites where turtles are impacted by habitat loss and degradation. Work will be conducted at sites including, but not limited to Wampum Lake Woods and Chipilly Woods.

The project will be conducted at no direct cost to the Preserves, which will contribute through staff time and additional in-kind services.

**Contract period:** Date of execution - 12/31/2020

**Fiscal Impact:** N/A

**Account(s):** N/A

**Concurrences:**

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

**District(s):** Districtwide

**A motion was made by Commissioner Deer, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to approve 18-0105. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Deer, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin, and Tobolski (15)

**Absent:** Commissioners Butler and Goslin (2)

**18-0107**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT**

**Department:** Conservation and Experiential Programming

**Other Part(ies):** University of Illinois Extension, Champaign, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization to enter into Intergovernmental Agreement with the University of Illinois Extension and make quarterly payments of \$56,250.00 on contract.

**Goods or Services:** Environmental education and outreach services

**Agreement Number(s):** N/A

**Agreement Period:** 1/9/2018 - 12/31/2018

**Fiscal Impact:** \$225,000.00

**Accounts:** Corporate Fund Districtwide Services: 51001.700005

**Concurrences:** The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** The University of Illinois Extension (“Extension”) will provide educational and public outreach programs, thus significantly expanding educational opportunities for youth and adult populations within Cook County, including the Conservation@Home program. Extension will also provide professional training workshops for Forest Preserve staff in numerous departments and assist in growing the number of Master Naturalists and Master Gardeners that volunteer with the Preserves. The Forest Preserve Conservation & Experiential Programming staff will oversee the contract and will work with the Extension staff to coordinate and direct these educational activities as well as on specific projects related to the Next Century Conservation Plan as outlined in their Scope of Work. The Forest Preserves has had an ongoing and positive partnership with the Extension since 2013.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Deer, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to approve 18-0107. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Deer, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin, and Tobolski (15)

**Absent:** Commissioners Butler and Goslin (2)

**18-0117****Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent**PROPOSED MISCELLANEOUS ITEM OF BUSINESS****Department:** Law Enforcement Department**Request:** Authority to Retire, Donate, and Reimburse Veterinary Expenditures for Canine Officers

**Summary:** The Forest Preserve District of Cook County (“the Preserves”) has and maintains several canines trained as cadaver-search dogs within the Law Enforcement Department. The Preserves requests authority to retire and transfer ownership of any dog nine (9) years or older, any dog unable to perform the routine duties for medical or other reasons, or any dog that exceeds the recommended maximum number of handlers to the canine’s current or a former handler, or any other organization or individual qualified to care for dogs that have heightened training for law enforcement purposes. Consistent with the recently enacted Illinois Public Act 099-0817, the Police Dog Retirement Act, canines that no longer are fit for public service will be offered to their existing handlers first prior to being considered for donation to any other capable individual or organization.

To facilitate care of these canine officers, the Preserves also seeks approval to set aside up to \$3,500 in funds for reimbursement of fifty percent (50%) of any expenditures by the recipient of the donated canine for veterinary care (excluding food, water, vitamins, and nutritional supplements) for each canine officer over the lifetime of the canine.

**District(s):** Districtwide

**A motion was made by Commissioner Deer, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to approve 18-0117. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Deer, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin, and Tobolski (15)

**Absent:** Commissioners Butler and Goslin (2)

**18-0118**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED LICENSE REQUEST**

**Request:** Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (“the Preserves”), as Lessor to grant a License to The Village of Westchester, Grantee, to operate and maintain a 160-square-foot gazebo on a 216-square-foot concrete pad located on the Northeast corner of the intersection of South Mannheim and Cermak Roads

**Term:** 10 years

**License Fee:** \$4,100.00

**License Application and Review Fee:** \$500.00 + \$3000.00

**YELAR Fee:** \$6,150.00

Total one-time upfront fee of \$13,750.00 for the term of the License  
(Sec. 5-2A-4 and 5-2B-4)

**Tree Mitigation Fee:** \$0.00

**The area of the License is:** 0.05 acre

**Concurrence(s):**

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

Grantee has met the insurance requirements under the License Agreement.

The Forest Preserves staff have reviewed this license application and plans and have found them to be acceptable; therefore, it is recommended that the Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners approve the issuance of this license.

**District(s):** 16

**A motion was made by Commissioner Moody, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to refer 18-0118 to the Real Estate Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Deer, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin, and Tobolski (15)

**Absent:** Commissioners Butler and Goslin (2)

**18-0119**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ITEM AMENDMENT**

**Department:** Planning & Development

**Request:** Authorization to amend a previously approved item

**Item Number:** 17-0349

**Fiscal Impact:** N/A

**Account(s):** N/A

**District(s):** 17

**Original Text of Item:**

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department:** Planning & Development

**Vendor:** Christopher B. Burke Engineering, LTD, Site Design Group, Ltd. and E. C. Purdy & Associates and Domokur Architects of the Pre-Qualified Architectural/Engineering Services Pool  
12-80-59

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to issue one (1) new task order, extend open task orders, and extend existing master professional services contract

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Architectural and Engineering Services

**Original Contract Period:** Three (3) years 12/5/2012- 12/4/2015; Board extension 11/17/2015 (12/5/2015 - 12/4/2016) and 11/15/2016 (12/5/2016 - 12/4/2017); sixty (60) day administrative extension 12/5/2017 - 2/3/2018 (Domokur Architects only)

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** One (1) year 12/5/2017 - 12/4/2018

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** Christopher B. Burke \$80,608.00; EC Purdy \$97,135.00; Site Design \$288,075.00; Domokur Architects \$21,815.34]

**Original Approval:** 12/5/2012

**Previous Increase(s):** N/A

**This Increase Requested:** N/A

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** N/A

**Accounts:** N/A

**Contract Number(s):** 12-80-59

**Concurrences:**

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

The Vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance Provisions.

**District(s):** 4 & 17

**Summary:** This request is for time only extensions for ~~three (3)~~ four (4) architectural and engineering firms with open task orders. Master professional services agreements were originally executed with eighty-five (85) firms in December 2012. The contract date was extended for twelve (12) firms in

November 2015 and again in 2016 to allow the same firms to continue with construction management through final project completion. Construction management responsibilities remain ongoing for Christopher B. Burke Engineering, LTD, Site Design Group, Ltd., ~~and~~ E.C. Purdy & Associates ~~and~~ Domokur Architects due to the need to repackage, redesign and/or rebid these jobs. An additional one (1) year extension is requested to complete these remaining open task orders. ~~No~~ One new task orders, however, will be issued for the purpose of addressing recently identified ADA compliance issues at one of the campgrounds.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Deer, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to approve 18-0119. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Deer, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin, and Tobolski (15)

**Absent:** Commissioners Butler and Goslin (2)

**18-0114**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**REPORT**

**Department:** Finance and Administration

**Request:** Receive and File

**Report Title:** Procurements and Disbursements

**Report Period:** 11/1/2017 - 11/30/2017

**Summary:** Submitting the Procurements and Disbursements Report for the period of November 2017. This Report is to be received and filed in compliance with Section 1-8-2(BB) of the District's Code of Ordinances

**A motion was made by Commissioner Deer, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to receive and file 18-0114. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Deer, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin, and Tobolski (15)

**Absent:** Commissioners Butler and Goslin (2)

**18-0108**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Department:** Conservation and Experiential Programming

**Summary:** Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar, 1/9/2018 - 2/8/2018

**Saturday, 1/27; 9am - 3pm**

**Super Seed Weekend - Seed Starting Saturday; Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe**

How-to-courses and workshops include: Organic Vegetable Gardening Basics from 9am to 11am, Starting Seeds Indoors from 11 am to 1 pm and Planning Your Garden for Seed Saving, 1pm to 3 pm. You may also tour the seed conversation efforts at the Garden: Dixon National Tallgrass Prairie Seed Bank at 10am and 11 am or discuss the growing movement to preserve old varieties of seeds with a book discussion: Janise Ray's The Seed Underground at 3 pm.

Fees apply, preregistration required.

**Sunday, 1/28; 9:30am - 5pm**

**Super Seed Weekend - Seed Swap Sunday; Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe**

Put those seeds to use in a cooking class (for families with children ages 4 to 10): Loco for Cocoa, 9:30am to 11 am and 1pm to 2:30pm. Learn more in how-to courses and workshops: Seed Stewardship with guest speaker Rowen White from 10am to 11:30 am and Making Your Own Seed Balls from 11:30 am to 1 pm. Attend a lecture: Rowen White, founder of Sierra Seeds, a seed keeper and farmer from the Mohawk community of Akwesasne, and board member of Seed Savers Exchange, will talk on "Planting Sacred Seeds in a Modern World" at 1:30 pm or Swap Seeds: Bring saved or leftover vegetable, flower, and herb seeds to share and swap with other gardeners from 3 to 5 p.m. in Burnstein Hall. Experienced seed savers can swap at the Connoisseur's Corner. There will be experts and displays on seed saving, starting seeds indoors, and more, as well as Family Drop-In programs. Fee apply, preregistration required.

**Saturdays & Sundays, 1/13 - 3/4; 9:30am**

**Beginner Cross-Country Ski Lessons; Sagawau Environmental Learning, Lemont**

Learn to ski with a certified Professional Ski Instructor of America. \$20/person. Ages 12 & up.

*Registration is required by phone or in person only. Registration for each lesson starts the Monday prior to the lesson date.*

**Sunday, 1/14; 10am - 1:15pm**

**Yoga in the Winter; Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Join us for a short hike (with snowshoes if there is enough snow) before practicing yoga indoors. Bring

your own mat or beach towel. *Adults only.*

**Monday, 1/15; 12pm - 3pm**

**M.L.K. Jr. Day of Service; Dan Ryan Woods, 87th & Western, Chicago**

Join us for a day of stewardship! Try your hand at restoration by helping remove invasive plants while learning about efforts being made to maintain healthy habitats. Plus, enjoy sledding (weather permitting) and winter family-fun activities.

**Friday, 1/19; 3pm - 8pm**

**Welcome Event with Winter Bonfire; Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

We're making some changes at Sand Ridge and Camp Shabbona and want your input. Join us in the afternoon for a conversation about programming and partnership opportunities and then enjoy an evening around a bonfire as we roast marshmallows and sip hot cocoa. *Register by 1/17.*

**Saturday, 1/20; 6am - 9am**

**Sunrise Nature Photography; River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

An outdoor workshop combining the skills of a naturalist and photographer. Focus on amazing winter scenes like ice formations, snow covered trees and more. *Adults and teens only. Registration required by 1/17. Location will be provided upon registration.*

**Saturday, 1/20; 12pm - 4pm**

**Winter Exploration Days; Thatcher Woods Pavilion, 8030 W. Chicago Ave, River Forest**

Get active and explore the natural beauty of your local forest Preserve this winter! Each special event offers activities to prepare you for a delightful winter time experience. Learn how to navigate using orienteering skills, use natural materials to create various art projects, and discover what kinds of animals make the Preserves their home during winter. Snowshoeing and other snow activities will be available weather permitting. *For details, call 708-386-4042.*

**Thursday, 1/25; 7pm**

**Wild Suburbia; Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest**

Bring your questions and concerns about wildlife in our backyards to this presentation and discussion, facilitated by Chicago Audubon's John Elliott. Coyotes seem to be everywhere - will we soon see bears or wolves? How do animals get into our neighborhoods and how can we best live with them? *Adults only. Registration required..*

**Saturday, 1/27; 1:30pm**

**Illinois Eagle Day; Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Come celebrate this special day dedicated to the Bald Eagle. Learn about its natural history and why this amazing raptor is on the rebound. *Ages 10 & up. Registration not required.*

**Wednesday, 1/31; 7pm**

**Hike in the Light of a Winter Blue Moon; Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

Experience the Phantom Prairie trail on a wintery night during the light of a “blue moon.” *Two-mile hike.*

*Limited supply of snowshoes. Ages 12 & up.*

**Saturday, 2/3; 9am - 12pm**

**Winter Welcome Event; Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland,**

We’re making some changes at Sand Ridge and Camp Shabbona and want your input. Join us Saturday morning for nature fun and for a conversation about programming and partnership opportunities.

**Saturday, 2/3; 12pm - 4pm**

**Winter Exploration Days; Dan Ryan Woods Pavilion, 87th & Western, Chicago**

Get active and explore the natural beauty of your local forest Preserve this winter! Each special event offers activities to prepare you for a delightful winter time experience. Learn how to navigate using orienteering skills, use natural materials to create various art projects, and discover what kinds of animals make the Preserves their home during winter. Snowshoeing and other snow activities will be available weather permitting. *For details, call 708-386-4042.*

**Saturday, 2/3; 1pm**

**Groundhog’s Day; Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

Only one animal has a day named after him! Learn all about these “super sleepers” and the history behind the holiday. Groundhog inspired art projects will be provided.

**Saturday, 2/10; 11am - 2pm**

**Snowshoe Trekking; Rolling Knolls, 11N260 Rohrssen Rd, Elgin**

Come out, get active and enjoy the Forest Preserves on Snowshoes! This free program is open to the whole family and will include guided nature hikes, skins and skulls and a warm fire. Snowshoeing requires at least 4” of hard snow. Program will happen whether there is snow or not. *No registration required. Call 708-386-4042 for details...*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Moody, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to receive and filed 18-0108. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Deer, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin, and Tobolski (15)

**Absent:** Commissioners Butler and Goslin (2)

**COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION****RULES COMMITTEE MEETING OF 1/9/2018****17-0474****JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS** meeting held on 12/12/2017**A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to approve 17-0474. The motion carried by the following vote:****Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Deer, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin, and Tobolski (15)**Absent:** Commissioners Butler and Goslin (2)

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**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 1/9/2018****18-0121****RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION)** Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation -12/12/2017**A motion was made by Commissioner Deer, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to approve 18-0121. The motion carried by the following vote:****Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Deer, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin, and Tobolski (15)**Absent:** Commissioners Butler and Goslin (2)**18-0115****REPORT** Corporate Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expense 1/1/2017 - 11/30/2017**A motion was made by Commissioner Deer, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to approve 18-0115. The motion carried by the following vote:****Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Deer, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin, and Tobolski (15)**Absent:** Commissioners Butler and Goslin (2)

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**LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MEETING OF 1/9/2018**

**17-0448**

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT** Title 2 - Forest Preserve Lands and Property, Chapter 4 - Recreation In Forest Preserves

**A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to approve 17-0448. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Deer, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin, and Tobolski (15)

**Absent:** Commissioners Butler and Goslin (2)

**17-0467**

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT** Title 1 Chapter 10: Policy of Nondiscrimination

**A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to approve 17-0467. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Deer, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin, and Tobolski (15)

**Absent:** Commissioners Butler and Goslin (2)

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**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Commissioner PETER N. SILVESTRI, seconded by Commissioner STANLEY MOORE, that this was adjourn. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Deer, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin, and Tobolski (15)

**Absent:** Commissioners Butler and Goslin (2)

